

HA-1803  
1923  
Bel Air  
Private

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FRAMEWORK FOR IDENTIFYING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

3. Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:

  x   11. Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

      12. Modern Period 1930 - present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme:

2. Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community  
Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Architecture

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function and Use: Private Residence

Known Design Source: unknown

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. SH-1003

Magi No. \_\_\_\_\_

DOE   yes   no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Dale Coale House

and/or common \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Location

street & number 315 Webster St. n/a not for publicationcity, town Bel Air \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 3rdstate MD county Harford

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  X</u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture	<u>  </u> museum
<u>  X</u> building(s)	<u>  X</u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial	<u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational	<u>  X</u> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment	<u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>  </u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government	<u>  </u> scientific
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial	<u>  </u> transportation
	<u>  X</u> not applicable	<u>  X</u> no	<u>  </u> military	<u>  </u> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ms. Patricia Harmonstreet & number 315 Webster St. telephone no.: 272-5560city, town Bel Air state and zip code MD 21014

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 829street & number \_\_\_\_\_ folio 26city, town Bel Air state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_    federal    state    county    local

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing resource count: one

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Fenestration on the west elevation is irregular, with 2 windows on the first floor, one in the center of the second, and a casement above and to the south of that. The kitchen shed has a casement in the west bay.

Entry is directly into the living room which occupies the whole of the front of the house. A closed-string, dog-leg staircase rises along the west wall. It has a square stock newel and square balusters. The east wall is occupied by a fireplace with a white classical mantel. Hard wood floors are in excellent condition, and the woodwork is plain except for a small bead on the lintel. Interior doors have 5 horizontal panels. South of the living room are the dining room to the east and the kitchen, with built in cupboards in knotty pine, probably dating to the 1950s, on the west. Three bedrooms are on the second floor, their ceilings shaped by the slope of the roof.

The interior is unusually light and airy for a bungalow.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1923 Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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In 1969, Coale's widow, Florence, sold the house to William and Mary Ann Hartley, who raised African Violets in the white painted and absolutely spotless basement. They designed the superb flower border in the back yard. Recently the house has been purchased by Patricia Harmon, who moved there from Aberdeen.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HA-1003

Harford County Land Records.

The Aegis, 14 April 1922, 1 June 1923.

Site visit, 12 May 1993.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Bel AirQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 381 in the Town of Bel Air, 60' (Webster) x 102'.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dr. Marilyn M. Larew

organization \_\_\_\_\_

date 6-28-93

street &amp; number \_\_\_\_\_

RD 1 Box 219 New Park Rd. telephone 717-993-3557

city or town \_\_\_\_\_

New Park

state \_\_\_\_\_

PA 17352

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
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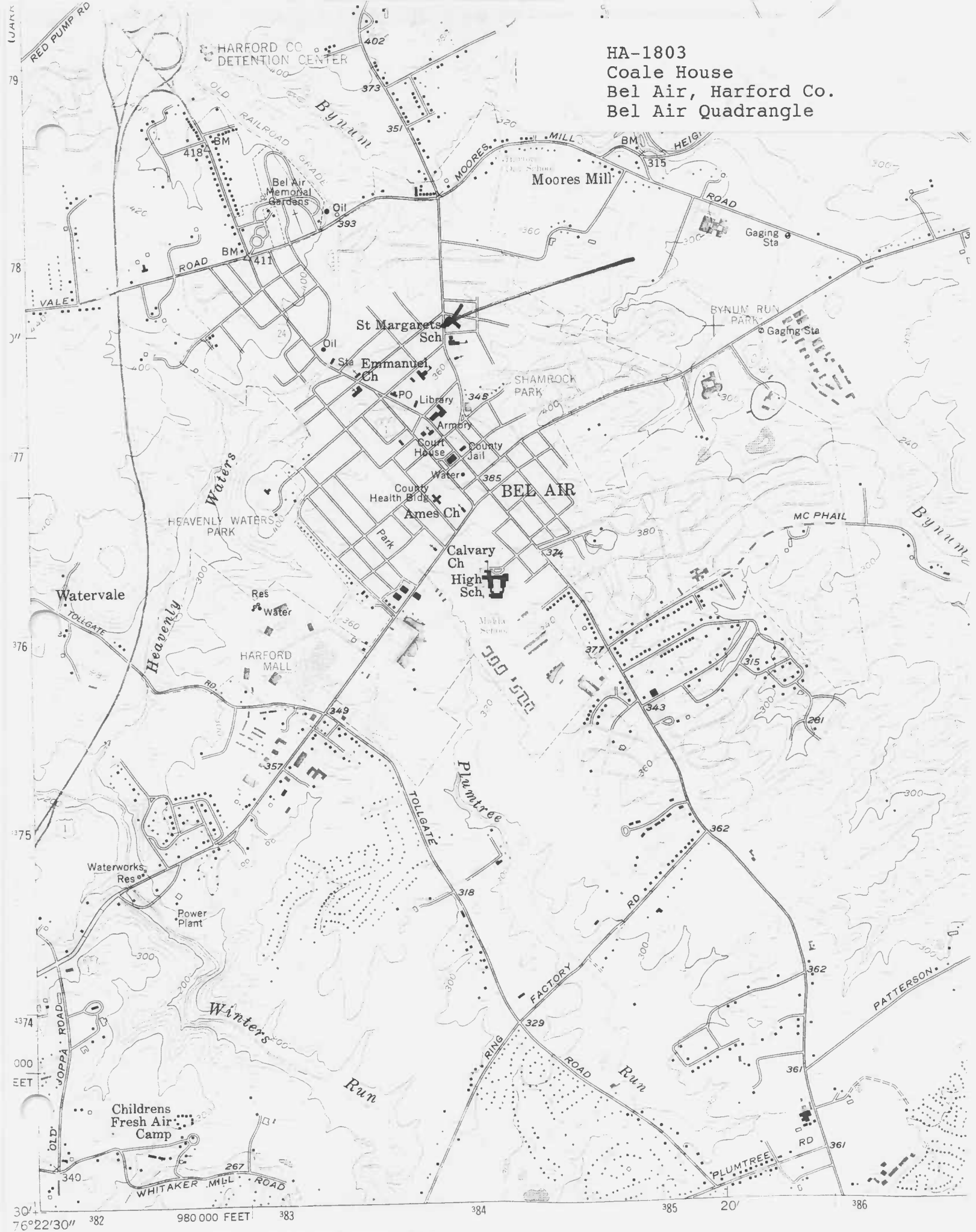
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Dale Coale House  
315 Webster  
Bel Air, MD 21014

Owner: William G. Hartley

829/26                      20 Oct 1969  
                            Florence M. Coale, widow  
                            to  
                            William G. Hartley and Mary Ann R.  
                            lots 57, 58, 59 in block A of Ingleside (plat in plat  
                            book 3/28, dated 5 June 1935, the lands of the late J.  
                            Edwin Webster)

183/100                    part of  
                            12 May 1923  
                            J. Edwin Webster and Dora R.  
                            to  
                            Dale W. Coale and Florence M.  
                            lots 57-63 in block A with the restrictive covenants:  
                            no house on Conowingo Rd. (Hickory) shall cost less  
                            than \$4000 and on other streets of Ingleside, \$3000.  
                            Set back on Conowingo is 35 ft., and 30 ft. on other  
                            streets. No African-Americans except servants. No  
                            commercial use for 25 years.

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Bel Air Quadrangle







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